

What is Claimed is:

CLAIMS

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1. A tiling guide (1) to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the guide (1) comprising surface-engaging means (12) which enable the guide (1) to be secured to the surface and characterised in that the guide (1) comprises one or more substantially flat elongate portions (2) each portion (2) having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side, the guide (1) further comprising tile abutment means (3) to align the edge of a tile, the guide (1) being so sized as to be completely obscured from view once the completed tiling has been conventionally grouted.
2. A tiling guide (1) according to Claim 1 characterised in that the tile abutment means comprises a ridge (3) extending away from the tile engaging side.
3. A tiling guide (1) according to Claim 2 characterised in that the ridge (3) is located along the central longitudinal axis of the tiling guide (1).
4. A tiling guide (1) according to either of Claims 2 or 3 characterised in that the ridge (3) comprises one or more cut-outs.
5. A tiling guide (1) according to Claim 4 characterised in that the ridge (3) has a castellated cross-section parallel to its longitudinal axis.
6. A tiling guide (1) according to any of Claims 2 to 5 characterised in that the ridge (3) has a T-shaped cross-section 91 the T-shape allowing the grout to key into the guide (1).
7. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claim characterised in that the guide comprises two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions (16A, 16B).
8. A tiling guide (1) according to Claim 7 characterised in that the angle between the two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions (16A, 16B) is selected from the group comprising 60°, 45°, 90° and 120°.

9. A tiling guide (1) according to Claims 1 to 5 characterised in that the guide comprises a single elongate portion.
10. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claim characterised in that the or each end of the guide (1) is provided with one or more markings (14) to enable the or each end to be cut away at a specific angle.
11. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claims characterised in that the surface-engaging means (12) comprises an adhesive along the surface-engaging side of the guide (1).
12. A tiling guide (1) according to Claim 11 characterised in that prior to use of the guide (1) the adhesive is protected by a removable sheet (11).
13. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claims characterised in that the or each elongate portion comprises a number of cut outs along the or each edge to enable the guide (1) to be bent into a desired curved shape.
14. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claim characterised in that the tile engaging side of the guide (1) is roughened by means of scratches or grooves.
15. A tiling guide (1) according to any preceding claim characterised in that the tile engaging side subtends an angle of from 2 to 10° with the surface.
16. A tiling guide (1) substantially as herein described with reference to as and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.
17. A method of tiling comprising the steps of:  
  
establishing a line on or adjacent the surface to be tiled;  
  
securing a tiling guide of the type specified herein above to the surface

